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CALENDAR.

GASTONIA.

Sunday School, 10 A. M.

Preaching, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 11 A. M; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays at night.

Prayer Meeting, Tuesday night.

General Class Meetings, 2nd Sunday at 3 P. M.

Choir Practice, Monday night.

Church Conference, Tuesday night before each Quarterly Conference.

BETHESDA.

Sunday School, at 9:30 A. M., except 3rd Sunday at 2 P. M.

Preaching, 1st Sunday 11 A. M., 3rd Sunday 3 P. M.

General Class Meeting, Wednesday night after 1st Sunday.

Church Conference, Wednesday night before Quarterly Meeting.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday night.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1891.

Support of Ministry	$725.00
Foreign Missions	77.49
Domestic Missions	35.34
Bishops	6.22
Conference Claimants	28.17
Church Extension	14 38
Education	12.87
Ecumenical Conference	.87
Total	$900.34

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with a sincere desire to quicken you in church work that this little pamphlet is placed in your hands. We cannot afford to be idle. The work is immense, the harvest is great; but laborers are few. Great multitudes are sweeping along in the broad way that leads to death, while many of the members of the church are sitting with folded arms. It was in trying to help each other and save the lost that Methodism had its birth, and by enduring trials and making numerous sacrifices, she has grown to be one of the largest and most rapidly-increasing of the Christian denominations. But Methodism has not run its race; it has accomplished only a very small part of the work the Lord intends for it to do. This work is to be accomplished by us and our children. Each one of us must work to achieve the greatest success. The man with one talent has his work to do as well as the one with five.

The weak as well as the strong must strive to keep unspotted from the world. Our work has been abundantly blessed of the Lord—the last sixteen months, our membership having about doubled in that time. For this we should be devoutly thankful, and be encouraged to go forward. Numerous are the difficulties and temptations around us; but let us remember that Christ hath said, "Ye are the salt of the earth," and "Ye are the light of the world."

I assure each one of you of the deep and abiding interest I feel in you. For every wrong and for

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every neglect of duty on the part of any of you, I am sorely grieved.

As a mother is not satisfied when one of her dear ones is absent from the table, so I am pained to find a single one of you absent from the house of God, when I am breaking the "Bread of Life."

Allow me to make the following suggestions:

1. Do not neglect the children. Remember that it is in early life that habits are formed, and that "as the twig is bent so the tree will be inclined." The man who says he cannot train his children to do right, contradicts God's word. The future of your child is in your own hands. Will you train him for the church or for the "chain-gang?"

2. Do not neglect the means of Grace. Attend the preaching of the Word. Be in your place at prayer-meeting. You cannot fully appreciate the privilege of prayer and repeatedly stay away from this meeting. Is it a lack of appreciation or the goods of this world that keeps you away? Is your work such that you cannot come? Then you are not doing a God-given work. God does not want of us to do anything that will keep us from worshipping Him. Come to the Sabbath school. Do not close your eyes against the Light, by failing to study the Word.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good." "Finally, brethren, pray for me that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified," and "the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

Your affectionate pastor,

D. P. TATE.

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Meetings every Friday at 4 P. M., before second Sunday. Place of meeting, Parsonage.

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